Reservation for foreigners in IITs

1369. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some IITs in the country had sought for reservation of students and faculty seats to foreigners; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction to the demand and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Admission to undergraduate courses in IITs is open to foreign nationals and is based on the merit obtained in Joint Entrance Examination. Similarly, foreign nationals can also apply for postgraduate courses in IITs. Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) may be appointed to permanent faculty positions in IITs. However, foreign nationals (other than PIOs and NRIs) shall be appointed for fixed tenure, not exceeding five years on contract basis. The appointment shall be subject to prior approval from Government of India in each case.

Sex education in schools

1370. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sex education is being introduced from K.G. class to XII class all over the country and teachers are being trained for the said purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how much fund Government have provided for the said purpose and the source of money for the said purpose;

(d) whether Government have consulted teachers in the above matters; and

(e) if not, the reasons for introducing the said education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Ministry of Human Resource Development in collaboration with National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) has launched a programme known as Adolescence Education Programme (AEP) which is being

implemented by the States and Union Territories of the country in secondary and higher secondary schools.

(c) AEP is being implemented in States/UTs through assistance made by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO). Allocations of Rs. 42.30 crore and Rs. 55.20 crores were made for the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively. The funding was provided by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS), Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE) for implementing the same programme.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Yash Pal Committee to look into text books

1371. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed a Yashpal Committee to look into the objectionable portions in Hindi Text Books published by NCERT;

(b) whether the said Committee has submitted its report to Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof including Members of the Committee;

(d) whether it is a fact that some Members of the Committee are the author of books which are to be looked into; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A Committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Yash Pal was constituted on 30.8.2006 to review the relevant Hindi textbooks published by NCERT in the light of certain objections raised regarding their contents and to recommend any improvement and revisions that might be considered necessary. The other members of the Committee were:

1. Prof. Mrinal Miri;
2. Shrimati Nirmala Deshpandey, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha);